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PARIS FOR EMBASSY AND USRO.

RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN JOURNALIST SAYS HE TALKED WITH THREE
REPRESENTATIVES SOVIET EMBASSY INCLUDING FEDOROV (TASS
REPRESENTATIVE) AT POLISH RECEPTION NOVEMBER 11. HE
GOT IMPRESSION ALL WERE WELL BRIEFED ON LINE TO FOLLOW
ABOUT KHRUSHCHEV SPEECH ON GERMAN QUESTION. ALL
"TALKED TOUGH". WHEN ASKED IF SOVIETS INTENDED TO
SURRENDER CONTROL OF COMMUNICATIONS TO WEST BERLIN TO
GDR THEY REPLIED LOGICAL TO ASSUME SO. WHEN JOURNALIST
ASSERTED WESTERN RIGHTS NOT RPT NOT DEPENDENT UPON
POTSDAM, FEDOROV SAID THIS WAS A QUIBBLE, WEST HAD
VIOLATED POTSDAM AND SO FAR AS SOVIETS CONCERNED IT IS
NON-EXISTENT. WHEN JOURNALIST SAID BERLIN ESPECIALLY
SENSITIVE SUBJECT IN US AND KHRUSHCHEV THEREFORE CREATING
A DANGEROUS SITUATION FEDOROV REPLIED "IF THERE IS GOING
TO BE A WAR WE HAD BETTER HAVE IT NOW AND GET IT OVER
WITH".

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